

Spurling, Norman

From: Miller, Robert
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 1:45 PM
To: Spurling, Norman
Subject: FW: Pesticide Advisory Notice - Zinc Phosphide and Geese Mortality

Hi Norman,

We received the following pesticide advisory notice from the state of Oregon.

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From: Rose Kachadoorian [mailto:rkachadoorian@oda.state.or.us]
Sent: Thursday, March 20, 2014 10:26 AM
To: Susan Westra; John Lublinkhof
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Pesticide Advisory Notice

Zinc Phosphide and Geese Mortality

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In mid-March, the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) was notified by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife of a goose kill in the Willamette Valley. Twenty-two geese were found dead in a small lake. Several days after the first notification, ODA was notified about a possibly related second incident involving three geese. The initial necropsy results suggest potential zinc phosphide poisoning. Currently laboratory samples are being analyzed, and the incidents are being investigated. It is not known at this time, where the geese were exposed to the zinc phosphide.

This is prime time for geese to migrate through the valley as they travel back north. Therefore geese may suddenly appear in fields – don't let them be greeted by zinc phosphide.

Remember, in accordance with the SLN labels (also called 24c's), above-ground use of zinc phosphide

in grass grown for seed is not allowed until early May (exact date will be determined in late April). We recognize that on the main container label, early season above-ground zinc phosphide use is allowed on a number of different crops. However, grass grown for seed is highly attractive to geese. As always, be certain that your proposed use is allowed by the label.

Because of concerns of goose mortality, ODA does consult annually with ODFW and USFWS, to determine the start date for above-ground applications on grass grown for seed. Revised labels will be posted on PICOL (<http://picolsln.wsu.edu/default.aspx>) and on the ODA website, <http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/Pages/index.aspx>

BELOW-GROUND USE

Zinc phosphide products labeled for below-ground use in grass grown for seed are:

(1) Bell/ZP Rodent Bait Ag (EPA Reg No. 12455-17) OR-050031

(2) Motomco/ZP Ag Pellets (EPA Reg No. 12455-17-3240) OR-050031

(3) HACCO/Prozap Zinc Phosphide Pellets (EPA Reg No. 31282-49) OR-050032

When instructing workers on how to conduct below-ground applications, or making them yourself – precision must be stressed. All the bait must go down the hole. Do not allow some of the bait to spill out onto the soil surface – this would be a label violation, and could lead to geese having access to bait.

- A copy of the SLN label must be in the applicator's possession while making applications of these materials. Label restrictions include:
- Do not allow bait to be exposed on bare ground.
- Do not allow ANY pellets to be placed above-ground during the application.

- Applications must be made in a manner that does not allow access to ANY zinc phosphide pellets by non-target animals (geese, dogs, etc.).

To reduce the potential for confusion, SLN labels which allow for above-ground applications on grass grown for seed, have different SLN numbers than labels which only allow for below-ground applications.

For registration questions, contact Rose Kachadoorian (rkachadoorian@oda.state.or.us); for enforcement questions contact Mike Odenthal (modenthal@oda.state.or.us) at 503-986-4635.

A pdf copy of the above information is attached.

<ODA Advisory ZnP 2014.pdf>

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